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1. FOUR-POWER GROUP MET AT BRITISH MISSION AT 10:00 THIS MORNING. WE AGREED WE HAD COME TO THE END OF THE LINE AS REGARDS GETTING GREEKS AND TURKS CLOSER TO FULL AGREEMENT ON A DRAFT RESOLUTION. WE ACCEPTED RICHARD VIEW THAT WE SHOULD NOW GO FORWARD TO FLOAT AN AGREED DRAFT WHICH WOULD REPRESENT AN OBJECTIVE POSITION BY ANY REASONABLE STANDARDS.

2. RICHARD ARGUED DESIRABILITY OF ACCEPTING SOME, NOT ALL, OF LATEST WORD CHANGES PROPOSED BY TURKS. THIS POSITION FOUND GENERAL SUPPORT, ALTHOUGH FRENCH CAME ALONG RELUCTANTLY. WE AGREED TO ACCEPT CHANGES INVOLVED IN 5.(A) AND (B) OF REFTEL. 5(C) WAS ALSO ACCEPTED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WORD "TOGETHER" WHICH WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE REWRITTEN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4. THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4 SHOULD REMAIN WHERE IT IS, ALTHOUGH TURKS CAME TO BRITISH LAST EVENING WITH ONE MORE BACKWARD STEP, DEMANDING THAT ANY REFERENCE TO ICJ BE REMOVED TO PREAMBULAR SECTION.

3. THUS WE ARE FLOATING FINAL REVISED DRAFT TODAY (SEPTTEL) WHICH REPRESENTS SOME FEW FURTHER CONCESSIONS TO TURKS BEYOND

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"FINAL" FOUR-POWER WORKING PAPER OF AUGUST 20 WHICH FRENCH

AND GREEKS HAD INSISTED WAS "DEFINITIVE." RICHARD AND VINCI BOTH ARGUE THAT IT IS BETTER TO HAVE SC PASS A RESOLUTION TO WHICH BOTH PARTIES HAVE SOME REMAINING OBJECTIONS, THAN TO HAVE A RESOLUTION WHICH ONE SIDE WOULD HAIL AND THE OTHER SIDE DENOUNCE. THIS SEEMS LOGICAL TO ME.

4. RICHARD FURTHER MADE POINT THAT, ONCE DRAFT IS INTRODUCED AS RESOLUTION, WE FOUR WOULD ALL BE COMMITTED TO VOTE FOR IT. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT IN EVENT OF ANY PROPOSED CHANGES OR AMENDMENTS, ONCE DRAFT REACHES COUNCIL, WE FOUR WOULD CONSULT TOGETHER. FRENCH ARE ON BOARD FOR NOW. BRITISH AND ITALIANS ARE SOLID AS THEY HAVE BEEN THROUGHOUT IN SEEKING A BALANCED RESOLUTION.

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